



**February 2016 Veteran Employment Update**  
**Veterans' Employment & Training Service**  
**U.S. Department of Labor**

Each month, the Veterans' Employment & Training Service (VETS) reviews data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to provide this overview of veteran & nonveteran employment statistics.

**Table 1. Unemployment Rates by Cohort<sup>(1)</sup>**

Cohort	Unemployment Rate (%)		
	Feb-15	Feb-16	Change (+/-)
<b>Veterans &amp; Nonveterans (16+, seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
All Veterans, ages 18+	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Male	5.2	4.1	-1.1
Female	5.7	4.2	-1.5
All Nonveterans	5.7	5.1	-0.6
<b>Veterans, ages 18-24</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>-11.7</b>
Male	20.6	8.2	-12.4
Female	NDA	NDA	NDA
Nonveterans, ages 18-24	11.6	10.0	-1.6
<b>Veterans, ages 25-34</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Male	7.5	7.1	-0.4
Female	6.7	1.1	-5.6
Nonveterans, ages 25-34	5.7	5.3	-0.4
<b>Veterans, ages 35-44</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
Male	3.6	2.7	-0.9
Female	6.8	3.3	-3.5
Nonveterans, ages 35-44	4.9	4.2	-0.7
<b>Veterans, ages 45-54</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
Male	4.7	2.9	-1.8
Female	4.1	4.9	0.8
Nonveterans, ages 45-54	4.2	3.9	-0.3
<b>Veterans, ages 55-64</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Male	5.4	4.8	-0.6
Female	4.7	5.9	1.2
Nonveterans, ages 55+	4.4	4.1	-0.3
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans, ages 18+</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
Male	7.2	4.9	-2.3
Female	4.0	3.6	-0.4

**NDA:** No Data Available

**Table 2. All Employees by Industry Sector<sup>(2)</sup> from Feb 15 - Feb 16(p)  
(Veterans and Nonveterans)**

Industry	Change (+/-)
Education and health services	701,000
Professional and business services	605,000
Trade, transportation, and utilities	470,000
Leisure and hospitality	434,000
Construction	253,000
Financial activities	143,000
Government	68,000
Other services	68,000
Information	44,000
Manufacturing	20,000
Mining and logging	-144,000

**Note:** Unless otherwise noted, data in tables are not seasonally adjusted. Some data points, specifically those related to female veterans, do not meet the Bureau of Labor Statistics' criteria for publishing. Instead, results should be viewed over a longer period of time to better understand trends in unemployment rates. VETS has provided the 24-month unemployment trends on page 2 of this document.

**Table 3. State Unemployment Rates<sup>(3)</sup>**  
(Veterans and Nonveterans) January 2016 data will not be available until March 14, 2016.

State	Dec 2014	Dec 2015(p)	Change (+/-)
Alabama	5.5	5.8	0.3
Alaska	6.4	6.6	0.2
Arizona	6.3	5.5	-0.8
Arkansas	5.5	4.6	-0.9
California	6.8	5.8	-1.0
Colorado	4.1	3.3	-0.8
Connecticut	5.6	5.0	-0.6
Delaware	4.6	4.3	-0.3
District of Columbia	7.4	6.3	-1.1
Florida	5.4	4.7	-0.7
Georgia	6.3	5.2	-1.1
Hawaii	3.7	2.9	-0.8
Idaho	4.4	4.0	-0.4
Illinois	5.8	5.9	0.1
Indiana	5.7	4.6	-1.1
Iowa	4.4	3.6	-0.8
Kansas	3.8	3.6	-0.2
Kentucky	5.1	5.5	0.4
Louisiana	6.5	5.0	-1.5
Maine	5.3	3.8	-1.5
Maryland	5.2	4.6	-0.6
Massachusetts	4.9	4.6	-0.3
Michigan	5.6	4.5	-1.1
Minnesota	3.6	3.6	0.0
Mississippi	7.1	7.2	0.1
Missouri	5.1	4.0	-1.1
Montana	4.6	4.3	-0.3
Nebraska	2.9	2.8	-0.1
Nevada	6.9	6.1	-0.8
New Hampshire	3.8	2.9	-0.9
New Jersey	5.8	4.4	-1.4
New Mexico	5.6	6.2	0.6
New York	5.6	4.7	-0.9
North Carolina	5.0	5.3	0.3
North Dakota	2.8	2.8	0.0
Ohio	4.7	4.6	-0.1
Oklahoma	3.8	3.9	0.1
Oregon	6.4	5.2	-1.2
Pennsylvania	4.6	4.1	-0.5
Rhode Island	6.3	4.8	-1.5
South Carolina	6.4	5.3	-1.1
South Dakota	3.4	3.1	-0.3
Tennessee	6.1	5.3	-0.8
Texas	4.1	4.2	0.1
Utah	3.2	3.1	-0.1
Vermont	3.8	3.1	-0.7
Virginia	4.5	3.9	-0.6
Washington	6.3	5.9	-0.4
West Virginia	5.6	5.9	0.3
Wisconsin	4.7	4.2	-0.5
Wyoming	4.2	4.5	0.3

**Sources:**

(1) Current Population Survey (CPS)

(2) Current Employment Statistics (CES) program

(3) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program

(p) Preliminary

## 24-Month Unemployment Trends by Veteran Status, Gender, and Post-9/11 Era of Service

